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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I have suffered with sinus and allergy problems along with stress related aliments as a result. My immune system was so over worked that I would either have a cold or sinus infection monthly. Once going to Dr. Michael Gazsi, my naturopathic doctor, my immune system has been improved and strengthened. I am not sick often and when I am it is not for weeks. I miss work very infrequently and my anxiety is well under control without medicine and constant therapy sessions. But most important, the help I get from my naturopathic doctor has no side effects, one cure does not cause another major health problem. I feel healthier and confident that I am healing not just masking a symptom. Thank you for your time and consideration

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Sincerely, A. Mark Kaplan